

Mount Carmel, Utah,  
Feb. 27, 1957.

RE: APPOINTMENT OF A WATER COMMISSIONER  
FOR EAST FORK OF VIRGIN RIVER.

Mr. Joseph M. Tracy, State Engineer,  
State Capitol Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Mr. Tracy:

The Presidents of the three Incorporated Irrigation Companies acting as a central committee for the water users here in Long Valley have asked me, as their secretary, to write to you and request that you call a meeting of the water users here for the purpose of selecting someone to be recommended to you for the appointment as Water Commissioner for this area in 1957.

We are asking that Monday March 18, 1957, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. in the Mt. Carmel Meetinghouse at Mt. Carmel, Utah, be set as the date, time and place for such meeting to be held. A list of the 1st class water rights to whom these notices should be sent will be given below.

Another problem we propose to discuss at this meeting is ways and means of getting measuring devices installed in the ditches of the small independent water users. Each year we have asked you to notify these people to do this work. Each year you have notified them to do it and each year these orders have been ignored. No one person or group of persons are entirely to blame. We, the central committee, have left it up to the Water Commissioner to see that it was done. He has been at loss to know how to proceed and probably felt that he was not being properly supported and has neglected to force the issue. Now one question we want to ask is this: Would it be legal and proper for the three Companies acting through their Central Committee and under the direction of the Water Commissioner to install suitable weirs in these ditches and charge the cost of the same to the water users in whose ditches they were installed in case the property owner himself failed to take action within a reasonable time? All of the five ditches of the three Irrigation Companies have concrete Parshall flumes at their head that were installed several years ago under the direction of the Soil conservation service.

There are some water users down here who are still not satisfied as to just what meaning you meant to convey in your letter to Mr. Val C. Tait of Aug. 17, 1956, and in your letter to me dated Sept. 15, 1956. I was going to write another letter but when I read your letters over again more carefully I came to the conclusion that the meaning you meant to convey to us was the same as the meaning I was trying to put over to you in my letter of Sept. 16, 1956. If this is not so please let us know. Some down here have suggested that we should send a delegation in to your office to get your views and opinions in person. But if it can be done by letter that would be cheaper.



As we have been doing for several years past we will assess the cost of hiring a water commissioner to the 1st class water rights whose source of supply is the main creek. Therefore the notices you send out from your office about the above mentioned meeting will need to go only to the following persons:

Whitney McDonald	-	-	-	Kanab, Utah.
Fred R. Major	-	-	-	Kanab, Utah.
G. D. McDonald	-	-	-	Kanab, Utah.
Charles C. Heaton	-	-	-	Moccasin, Arizona.
Howard B. Spencer	-	-	-	Glendale, Utah.
Henry Carroll	-	-	-	Orderville, Utah.
Lyle Chamberlain	-	-	-	Glendale, Utah.
Irene H. Carpenter	-	-	-	Kanab, Utah.
David L. Foote	-	-	-	Orderville, Utah.
J. W. Morrison	-	-	-	Mt. Carmel, Utah.

James S. Esplin, Pres. Glendale Irrigation Co., Glendale, Ut.

Mark Chamberlain, Pres. Orderville Irrigation Co., Orderville, Ut

LADW C. Sorensen, Pres. Mt. Carmel Irrigation Co. Mt. Carmel, Ut

Very Respectfully Yours,

Secretary,  
LongValley water Users Cent. Committee.